# PIMCO

# Diversified Income Fund

PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series Plc

SHARE CLASS: INSTITUTIONAL

AS OF: 31 MARCH 2022

**Monthly Commentary** 

Fund information		
Total net assets (in millio	\$13,006.4	
Fund type		UCITS
Portfolio manager(s)		Eve Tournier Sonali Pier Alfred Murata Dan Ivascyn
Effective duration (yrs)		5.80
Benchmark duration (yrs)		6.21
Average maturity (yrs)		10.02
Class	CUSIP	ISIN
Accumulation Income	G7096X662 G7098B114	IE00B0C18065 IE00B138GV00

Unified Fee	
Institutional class, Accumulation shares	0.69% p.a.
Institutional class, Income shares	0.69% p.a.

Credit and Default Risk: A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. **Currency Risk:** Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. **Derivatives and Counterparty Risk:** The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations. Liquidity Risk: Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price. **Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices).

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### Performance summary

The PIMCO GIS Diversified Income Fund returned -1.97% (Institutional Class, Accumulation shares net of fees) and -1.94% (Institutional Class, Income shares net of fees) in March versus the 1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged, which returned -1.30%.

March saw volatile spread movements as the tragic conflict in Ukraine continued to unfold. Spreads rallied after February's weakness but fluctuated significantly throughout the month. The month began with markets pricing aggressive rate hikes from central banks, given geopolitical uncertainty later in the month bonds began to sell off aggressively, driven by hawkish central banks, potential peace talks and solid economic data.

#### Contributors

- Long exposure to a basket of DM and EM currencies
- Positioning in high yield industrials

### **Detractors**

- Overweight exposure to Russia quasi sovereign debt
- Security selection in Chinese real estate
- Underweight exposure to investment grade industrials

Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional class, Accumulation (%)	-1.97	-7.94	-8.33	-5.72	2.32	3.34	4.42	5.84
Institutional class, Income (%)	-1.94	-7.88	-8.27	-5.68	2.35	3.35	4.43	6.01
Benchmark (%)	-1.30	-6.70	-6.54	-3.81	2.39	3.11	4.30	_

### Past performance does not predict future results.

Performance (Net of Fees)	Mar 21-Mar 22 Mai	r 20-Mar 21 Mar	19-Mar 20 Mar	18-Mar 19 Mar	17-Mar 18
Institutional class, Accumulation (%)	-5.72	14.10	-0.41	5.60	4.20
Institutional class, Income (%)	-5.68	14.14	-0.41	5.56	4.20
Benchmark (%)	-3.81	14.40	-2.45	4.94	3.44

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The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

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Performance (Net of Fees)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
Institutional class, Accumulation (%)	-0.70	4.02	-0.63	11.98	8.40	-1.26	14.34	7.86	-0.11	-7.94
Institutional class, Income (%)	-0.67	4.00	-0.59	11.98	8.41	-1.31	14.40	7.83	-0.10	-7.88
Benchmark (%)	-0.35	5.48	0.16	9.81	7.29	-2.23	13.68	6.60	0.62	-6.70

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Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the [P\_BM]. All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

Portfolio characteristics as of 31 March 2022							
	% Market Value	Duration (years)					
	Fund	Fund	Index				
Government Related <sup>1</sup>	34.3	2.74	0.00				
Securitized	2.7	0.06	0.00				
Invest. Grade Credit	30.4	1.21	0.00				
High Yield Credit	35.9	0.85	0.00				
Emerging Markets	24.0	0.83	0.00				
Municipal/Other <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.01	0.00				
Net Other Short Duration Instruments <sup>3</sup>	-27.5	0.09	0.00				

Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.

MV% may not equal 100 due to rounding.

- <sup>1</sup> Includes U.S. Treasury notes, bonds, futures, and inflation-protected securities
- <sup>2</sup> Includes convertibles, euro/yankees, preferred stock, and municipal bonds
- <sup>a</sup> Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except those instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

## Portfolio positioning

We continue to find opportunities in financials, focusing on relative value opportunities across peripheral banks, given strong balance sheet fundamentals, consolidation trends and attractive valuations. We have a cautious approach to EM exposure, emphasizing fundamental resilience and relative insulation from higher commodity prices and the Fed rate hike cycle, while favoring commodity exporters. Given the cyclical recovery and re-opening of economies we are focused on select COVID-impacted issuers and industries on a selective basis, as well as REITS, emphasizing balance sheet resilience and ample liquidity to limit potential downside. Conversely, we are underweight tight trading noncyclical issuers with limited upside. We are overweight high yield risk, focusing on potential rising star opportunities and secured bonds in non-cyclical and highly cash generative industries, such as Media, as a way to manage downside risks in the event volatility increases. Moreover, we remain constructive on non-agency mortgages given high levels of equity and seasoning as well as resilience across various market environments. We also hold AAA-rated EUR CLO tranches as an attractive substitute to tight trading generic corporate credit.

# Month in review

In March, global investment grade (IG) credit<sup>1</sup> spreads tightened by 13 bps, global high yield bond<sup>2</sup> spreads tightened by 34 bps, and EM external<sup>3</sup> spreads tightened by 64 bps.

The portfolio returned -1.97% after fees in March, underperforming its benchmark by 67 bps.

The Fund's underperformance was led by exposure to Russian quasi-sovereign debt which continued to underperform amid the conflict with Ukraine, security selection within Chinese corporate debt, as select real estate issuers faced renewed pressure amid further downgrades and liquidity concerns as well as underweight exposure to investment grade industrials, which outperformed.

The underperformance was partially offset by a long exposure to a basket of DM and EM currencies, which appreciated relative to the EUR and USD. Moreover positioning in high yield industrials also contributed to performance, and in particular an overweight to high yield media, which outperformed, as well as security selection in the transportation sector as a select issuer outperformed alongside positive news flow on upcoming disposals.

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# Outlook and strategy

Although credit spreads have widened vs their post-pandemic tights, we remain cautious on incremental risk additions until we have greater clarity on the implications of higher input costs/inflation and tightening monetary and fiscal policy. We favor high yield risk relative to EM risk alongside better fundamentals and a more attractive risk-reward profile. We continue to see opportunity in companies within COVID-impacted sectors, the crossover segment given positive rating momentum, as well as relative value opportunities in credit derivatives versus cash bonds.

### Management profile



**Eve Tournier** Managing Director



**Sonali Pier** Executive Vice President



Alfred Murata Managing Director



**Dan Ivascyn** Managing Director and Group CIO

\$13.0BN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT 68 ANALYSTS

Dedicated research analysts. 42 in U.S., 17 in U.K./Europe, 8 in Asia/Pacific, 1 in South America

Higher income and growth potential from diversified global credit sectors

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Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury of the same maturity.

1 Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit USD Hedged Index, 2ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Developed Markets High Yield Index, Constrained, 3J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Index

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